

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-3

Building Date: ca. 1900

Building Name: House at "Saratoga" (Cipriano Schoolhouse)

Location: 6711 Cipriano Road, Lanham, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The house at "Saratoga" (Cipriano schoolhouse) is located on a lot on the east side of Cipriano Road, across the street from a new subdivision of single family houses. It is a small one-story frame gable-roofed building, with four irregular bays forming its main west facade. Entrance is in the second bay. There is a central cross-gable in the west plane of the roof, partially above the second and third bays, which exaggerates the asymmetricality of the principal facade. The building is covered with German siding painted beige; the plain board surrounds of doors and windows are painted brown. The building rests on a foundation of local sandstone; the roof is covered with asphalt shingle. There is a one story addition to the rear. On the lot behind the building are several modern sheds.

Significance

The small building at 6711 Cipriano Road was identified by surveyors in 1974 as a schoolhouse, because it resembles in form some early twentieth century schoolhouses. Its use as a school building, however, has not been substantiated. It stands on a tract of farmland owned and farmed late in the nineteenth century by J.G. Schoellkopf, and known as Cedar Grove or Saratoga. Schoellkopf sold his 61-1/2 acre farm to William Watts, who subsequently lost the property through default in mortgage payments. The 61-1/2 acre farm was offered at public sale in 1899 as ordered by the Court of Equity, and Schoellkopf repurchased his former property. At that time the farm was improved by a small dwelling and a few outbuildings; it is possible that the present building is a renovated version of this 1890's dwelling. Early in the twentieth century, the farm was divided into smaller parcels as this area near Seabrook began to be developed. Originally consisting of three rooms side by side, this small dwelling was increased in size in the 1950's by the enclosure of a rear porch and the creation thereby of a small living room. Since 1962, it has been a rental property. In the 1960's, influenced largely by the establishment of Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA), this area north of Seabrook began to be developed as a residential community. Today the small dwelling stands on a six-acre lot, in the midst of the Cipriano Woods, Woodlark and Woodholme Forest subdivisions.

Acreage: 6.0139 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic House at "Saratoga"

and/or common (designated on 1974 survey as Cipriano Schoolhouse)

### 2. Location

street & number 6711 Cipriano Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Lanham ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Estelle and A.J. Sacks

street & number 2415 East University Boulevard telephone no.: 422-2233

city, town Adelphi, state and zip code MD. 20783

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2752

street & number Main Street folio 186

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local History

Specific dates ca. 1900 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The small building at 6711 Cipriano Road (House at "Saratoga") was identified by surveyors in 1974 as a schoolhouse, because it resembles in form some early twentieth century schoolhouses. Its use as a school building, however, has not been substantiated. It stands on a tract of farmland owned and farmed late in the nineteenth century by J.G. Schoellkopf, and known as Cedar Grove or Saratoga. Schoellkopf sold his 61-1/2 acre farm to William Watts, who subsequently lost the property through default in mortgage payments.<sup>1</sup> The 61-1/2 acre farm was offered at public sale in 1899 as ordered by the Court of Equity, and Schoellkopf repurchased his former property. At that time the farm was improved by a small dwelling and a few outbuildings; it is possible that the present building is a renovated version of this 1890's dwelling.<sup>2</sup>

Early in the twentieth century, the farm was divided into smaller parcels as this area near Seabrook began to be developed; a new road was cut across Bald Hill Branch, north from Telegraph Road, making the property more accessible. Originally consisting of three rooms side by side, this small dwelling was increased in size in the 1950's by the enclosure of a rear porch and the creation thereby of a small living room. A brick chimney was dismantled and removed. As late as the 1950's, the eight-acre parcel was operated as a small farm. Since 1962, it has been a rental property.<sup>2</sup>

In the 1960's, influenced largely by the establishment a short distance to the north of Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA), this area north of Seabrook began to be developed as a residential community. Today the small dwelling stands on a six-acre lot, in the midst of the Cipriano Woods, Woodlark and Woodholme Forest subdivisions.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Land Recors JWB #26:36,378; JB #6:303.

<sup>2</sup> Equity #2558.

<sup>3</sup> Conversation with owner, September 1985; Prince George's County Land Records #2302:328, #2752:186.

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

**11. Form Prepared By**

PS-2746

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

1700895704

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: School House Building				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 6711 Cipriano Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Greenbelt				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
None				
DATE OF SURVEY:		<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:	
<p>The building is one story with a central dormer extending through the eaves. The four bay main (west) facade has a doorway in the second bay from the north. The rafter ends are exposed. Plain board fasciae from the architrave around doors and windows.</p>	

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## 6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				C R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0		"		0		"	
NE	0		"		0		"	
SE	0		"		0		"	
SW	0		"		0		"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC	DATE: 14 Nov 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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1835



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House at Saratoga

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #70-3

House at Saratoga

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



NAME #70-3 OLD SCHOOLHOUSE?

LOCATION 6711 CIPRIANO Rd GREENBELT, MD

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 11/14/73 MDWYER